



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-272-C)

#9/amdt B
9-17-02
JA

In the Application of:

Johnson et al.

Serial No.: 10/025,076

Filing Date: December 18, 2001

For: SHAFT LOCKING DEVICE FOR
BEARING ASSEMBLIES

Examiner: L. Footland

Group Art Unit: 3682

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 7-12-02

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RECEIVED
SEP 17 2002
GROUP 3600

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated July 12, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects to pursue new claims 34-37 which are directed to the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-4.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 10, 15, 16, and 25-31 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 34-37:

Claim 34. A bearing locking collar for securing an inner ring of a bearing to a shaft comprising:

a compressible annular member having an outer surface, an inner surface, and a first end positioned opposite a second end defining a gap therebetween;

a locking component having a first portion and a second portion, the locking component extending from the first end of the member and into engagement with the second end of the member, such that when the locking component is tightened, the first end and the second end are drawn together to reduce the gap therebetween; and

B1